

a man who has remained the master of his fate, steadfast to being the captain of his soul and is truly a role model for us all.

HONORING CALVIN "CAL" SUTKER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Calvin "Cal" Sutker, a political and community leader, a devoted family man, and a treasured friend to many.

Cal Sutker had an illustrious political career that included many elected and appointed leadership positions, beginning as a Trustee in the Village of Skokie from 1965 to 1969, where he helped pass one of the first Fair Housing Ordinances in the State of Illinois.

From 1985 to 1991, Mr. Sutker ably represented his community in the Illinois General Assembly as State Representative and went on to become Cook County Commissioner from 1994 to 2002. Mr. Sutker served as Niles Township Democratic Committeeman for 33 years, from 1973 to 2006. He also served as Chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party and as State Central Committeeman. He was a friend and supporter of many aspiring and serving elected officials, including me, for which I will always be grateful.

In addition to the many laws and ordinances that he authored that have made life better for the people of Illinois, Mr. Sutker has left an indelible physical legacy for our community. He was instrumental in bringing the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park, the 2nd District Courthouse, and the Illinois Holocaust Museum to Skokie. In 2006, a Cook County Forest Preserve District grove was named for Cal Sutker.

Mr. Sutker was active in Jewish charitable causes, and a staunch support of NA'AMAT USA, in which his beloved wife Phyllis was a leader for many years. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1942, serving in Germany, France and Austria during World War II. He was in the battalion that first entered the Dachau concentration camp and liberated its prisoners, and spoke regularly to community and student groups about his experiences during the war.

He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Chicago.

Calvin Sutker and his late wife Phyllis had four children—Edie Sue Sutker, a Skokie Trustee, Shelly Sutker-Dermer, a Circuit Court Judge in Skokie, Sharon McGowan, and Allen Sutker. He is also survived by his eight grandchildren, his sister Ada Rabinowitz, and his brother Irwin Sutker.

RECOGNIZING CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER DALLAS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Children's Medical Center Dallas. This year, Children's Medical Center Dallas celebrates its centennial, marking 100 years of providing quality health care to the Dallas community.

Children's Medical Center Dallas has consistently been recognized among the top children's hospitals in the country by U.S. News and World Report. It has more than fifty specialty and subspecialty programs, and was the first pediatric hospital in Texas to be designated as a Level I Trauma Center. Children's provides more than \$65 million in charity health care annually to ensure access to treatment for many children whose families are unable to pay for their care. With nearly seven thousand employees and well over 200,000 patients served annually, Children's is an integral part of the Dallas community.

To expand the treatment options available for patients, Children's has partnered with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center to create the Children's Medical Center Research Institute. This Institute builds upon the clinical expertise of Children's Medical Center Dallas and the scientific prowess of UT Southwestern Medical Center to conduct transformational pediatric research.

Over recent decades, I have seen Children's Medical Center Dallas grow and develop in its effort to continue providing superior healthcare for children and their families. I congratulate Children's on its 100th year of operation and commend the hardworking

nurses, physicians, and staff at Children's for providing care to so many of Dallas' children.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT GUILLERMO DE LEON

HON. PETE P. GALLEGO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the late Sergeant Guillermo "Willie" De Leon.

Staff Sergeant de Leon was the son of a Terlingua miner—born on June 25, 1919 in the 23rd congressional district in Big Bend and raised in Uvalde. He gained his strong work ethic at an early age—learning the stonemason and bricklayers trade during the great depression.

Mr. De Leon was inducted in the U.S. Army in 1940—serving in the 36th Infantry Division in North Africa and Italy. He made the rank of staff sergeant at an early age, becoming one of the first Mexican-American noncommissioned officers and one of the first to command Anglo troops.

Staff Sergeant De Leon led a squad of 12 men in the first wave of the amphibious landing at Salerno Italy in 1943—wading through tracer bullets and his fallen comrades. He was also a member of the 141st Infantry Regiment the all Mexican-American unit that led the attack at the crossing of the Rapido River. Staff Sergeant De Leon was one of only 26 men who survived the attack.

Staff Sergeant De Leon's valor earned him several recognitions. He was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart with one cluster, the American Defense Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four battle stars, and the World War II Victory Medal.

After his service, he returned to Uvalde to be with his family. He was a true hero. It is fitting that the civic center of Uvalde be named in honor of this brave American soldier—and rededicated on May 27, 2013. He is one of the community's most decorated veterans. The Staff Sergeant Willie De Leon Civic Center will pay tribute to the life of Guillermo De Leon.